On Jubilee day, which commemorated the discovery of gold in California in 1849, a squad of battery I, of the regular army, was firing a salute at Lime Point fort, near San Francisco, says the Youth's Companion. One load the charge was 50 pounds of powder nelosed in a woollen bag-did not go n, and the officer in command ordered it to be pulled out of the can-

The charge was withdrawn, and, as it dropped to the ground, it was seen hat one corner of the woolen bag was In an instant the powder ld have caught and the seven men th their officer would have been Private John M. Jones jumped ward the smouldering bag, rolled it the mud and, with his bare hands, stered the singed enges with damp

It was a quick, brave deed, and had hero been a British soldier it

orlay the Sepoy war a young capartillery saw an ignited shell near his battery. Instantly he d it up, carried it a distance, and ed it up, carried it a distance, and BOOTS AND SHOES

the Crimean war, Capt. Peel, of royal navy and son of the former minister, Sir Robert Peel, coml'a vessel before Sebastopol. ay a leage shell, its fuse burning. into the battery near where Peel standing. Picking it up, he carried it to the rampart and tossed it It exploded before it reached

#### PATRIOTISM AT WEDDINGS.

Now Is the Time When Invited Guests Can Show Their Love of Country in Their Gifts.

With the advent of the Spanish war considered stylish. No bride is thoroughly in the fashion these days, says the Chicago Chronicle, unless a large proportion of the gifts that come patriotic weddings came into vogue. large proportion of the gifts that come to her have reference in their design and colors to the war and the United States. Favorite wedding presents of this sort are flag picture frames, which may be found in great variety. These have flags painted on a background of PRICES. white enamel, or the frames themselves are made of flags of silk draped on a foundation of wood and covered with glass. Wedding gift novelties such as these are unending, and they are the rage of the hour to send to a coming bride. There has been already at least one patriotic wedding of im portance. At this the star gift was a in that was said to have cost \$500. It had three stones-a ruby, turquoise and a diamond-as close to a design of red, white and blue as can be produced in jewels. When made this ring was unique, but the design has since been widely copied. Another present that came to this bride of the patriotic wedding was a dinner set of white china. each piece of which was adorned with hand-painted American flags. Yet another set of gifts were lamps of red. white and blue, with shades of the same colors decoratively made.

#### AN OYSTER'S AGE.

It May Readily Be Determined by Measuring the Size of the Shell.

It is just as easy to tell the age of an oyster by looking at its shell as it is to pacertain the age of a horse by examloing its teeth or a tree by inspecting when it is laid low. When the oyster is six months old it is as big as a dime; on one year old it will cover a silver alf dollar, and when two years old will be about the circumference of a ver dollar, says Pearson's Weekly.

The oyster, unlike the erab, is not diged to seek new quarters or build a lably. The extensions that he puts n to his house are clearly marked by a well-defined ridge.

at when between four and five years age, and the planters endeavor to otect the beds for that length of ner Conscientious oystermen-that is, men who are not inclined to kill he goose that lays the golden eggalways return to the bed oysters that are too young, but in case a patriarch is brought up, over whose shell the tides of from eight to twelve winters and summers have ebbed and flowed. he is sent to market, where he is put at the bottom of the heap and sold with his younger and more luscious

Wants to Increase Its Population. Bulgaria is going to take effective means to increase its population. For every son born beyond a minimum number 20 francs will be paid not only to the father, but to the mother also A soldier showing a dozen sons will receive a pension large enough to support him and besides a decoration The same reward will go to his wife.

Machine-Made Pottery.

machine for the manufacture of pottery has recently been invented which does the work of several men at half the cost. It can turn out 16 flower pots per minute, against the one produced in the same time by the old process, and it is also used for the manufacture of cups, saucers and

War Tax in Spain. Spain is so much in need of funds that any person entering her limits wearing gloves or boots nearly new, nept pay a tax on them. This rule also noplies to a hat or neektle which

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It Is Contracted by a Gereiand Man While Trying to Learn the Typewriter.

A Cleveland man has set about learning the use of the typewriter, reports the Plain Dealer. Up to the present time he has had somebody to do his typewriting for him, but now he wants to know how to run it all by himself. He admits that he isn't an apt scholar. It comes slowly. The letters are hard to find, and the spacing is so easily forgotten. But there is one thing that amuses him. He is learning to spell, and learning in the same way he did when a tow-headed boy in the early '60s. Of course he could spell when he tackled the typewriter, but not in the same way. Now he distinctly enumerates each letter, and does it, too, with the greatest care. It is a funny out the words in the newspaper, and You'll Need Us thing, but he finds himself spelling his wife says he spells them in his

The other day the minister met him

and asked him how he was,
"V-e-r-y w-e-l-l," he gravely spelled cut, and when the pastor looked nmazed he realized what he had done and hastily explained the cause of the peculiarity. And the minister professed to be greatly interested and wanted to know all about it, and the speller is now greatly worried for fear the parson will write a special paper on it for some magazine.

When the minister finally left him he shook hands and said: "Good-by." "G-o-o-d," began the speller, and then recollected himself and hastily

He hopes in time to wear out this peculiarity, and when he increases his speed on the typewriter he no doubt

NOT AFRAID OF FIRE.

A Philadelphia Retriever That Went After Firecrackers Without a Sign of Fear.

gan his celebration by throwing a pack of small firecrackers into the street and before the first one had a chance to explode the dog rushed out and grabbed the bunch and was making toward his master as fast as he could. Before the innocent dog reached his destination, however, an explosion took place, and one after another the little rolls of powder went popping at a great rate. Of course the spaniel dropped them, but he remained in the middle of the pack, jumping at the ones that blew up into the air until the entire pack had gone off. Then, efter picking up one or two of the exploded crackers, he returned to his master and landed them at his feet. The man petted the dog awhile and then looked to see if he had been in jured, and found that his beautiful coat of curly brown hair had been so much singed that it would be necessary to have it clipped. The dog was always held high as a retriever in the estimation of his owner and those who knew him, but his stock has risen100 per cent, now and no amount of money could buy him.

#### CELESTIALS EAT BURDOCK.

Many of the Chinese and Japanese Cultivate the Plant for Home Consumption.

plant or delicious vegetable, says Mee-han's Monthly. This is especially the case with the common burdock, lappa major. Schoolboys all know it from gathering the burrs and compressing them into a ball, they being held to gether by the curved points of the floral involuere. This is all they know about it. It is difficult to see anything more to be despised in the | urdock leaf than in the leaf of the rhubarb. It appears that it is largely used in China for food. But it is stated that, if the stalks be cut down before the flowers expand and then be bolled, the taste is relished equally with asparagus. The leaves, when young, are boiled and enten as we eat spinach. In Japan it is in universal use. Thousands of acres are devoted to its culture. But in this case the root is the object. It requires deep soil to get the roots to the best advantage. The common name in Done in the best Manner China is gobbo—a name, however, which need not replace our common one of burdock.

CAN'T BE EXPLAINED.

A Naval Commander Says There is No Telling Why Sailors Will Desert in Time of Peace.

"I never knew a sallor worth keeping." declared an old naval com mander, "that would desert in time of war. But in times of peace, when everything appears to be going along as though it were greased, descritions will begin from no apparent cause and will suddenly become epidemic. Away they'll go, and it's two to one that in a little while they will be hunting around to see if they can't get back into the service without having to suffer punishment. I used to put in a 810.00. good deal of time trying to find an explanation of the thing, and finally presented it to one of my superior offi-

"'Drop it, young man,' was his la-conic advice. 'You can't tell why they do it and you can't stop them. If you must worry, let it be about something where you may have a chance to ac-complish good. I'll tell you right now, if you were to sall a ship for Heaven and were obliged to touch at hell for coal half the crew would desert."

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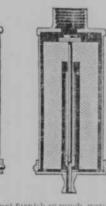


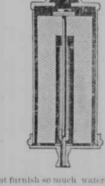
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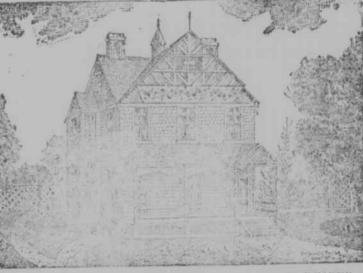
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